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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)  
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Address to:  Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box CPA Washington, DC 20231	Attorney Docket No. of Prior Application	6185 A
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	Group / Art Unit	3729
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This is a request for a  continuation or  divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d).

(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 309,747, filed on 5/11/99, entitled A Connector Press Block.

#### NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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2.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d)(4).
  - a.  **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:  
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  - b.  The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4.  A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
  - a.  PTO-1449
  - b.  Copies of IDS Citations

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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c) or (i))	16	-20* =		x \$ _____ =	\$ 710
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b) or (i))	3	-3** =		x \$ _____ =	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))				+ \$ _____ =	0
				BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)	\$ 710
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 710
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28).					
* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Reissue independent claims over original patent.					
					TOTAL = \$ 710

## 6. Small entity status:

- A small entity statement is enclosed, if (b) and (c) do not apply.
- A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- Is no longer claimed.

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- Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
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8.  A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.9.  New Attorney Docket Number, if desired \_\_\_\_\_*[Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carryover to this CPA unless a new Attorney Docket Number has been provided herein.]*

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- b.
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11.  Other: .....

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Date	05/08/01

Preliminary Amendment for 6185:

(Part 5 of 12)  
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**In the specification:**

Page 9, line 6: Replace "three" with --the--.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 13-24, 29-36.

Please add claims 37-52.

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37. (Newly Added) A press block for inserting a plurality of terminals into a substrate, the press block removably engaging the terminals and comprising:  
a generally planar base having a thickness substantially less than a length of the terminals; and  
a plurality of discrete openings through said base, each opening adapted to receive a respective one of the terminals so that the terminals can extend through said base; and  
a plurality of parallel side walls extending from edges of said base and defining at least two open areas between said side walls in communication with said openings in said base, said open areas having a cross sectional area larger than the cross sectional area of said openings in said base.

38. (Newly added) The press block according to claim 37 wherein:  
said plurality of discrete openings are arranged in a plurality of rows and columns defined by reinforcement and insertion members; and  
wherein there is a side wall corresponding to each insertion member and an open area corresponding to each column of discrete openings.